

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance has been received in the above-identified application, but the issue fee has not as yet been paid.

The examiner's amendments made in the afore-referenced paper number 3 are acceptable; however, when reviewing the examiner's amendments, further amendment was found to be necessary to reflect the proper terminology of "an outward radial bend" in claim 1, rather than an "outlet radial bend."

This amendment is supported by the drawings and the specification and is in the nature of a correction rather than a substantive change to the application. Accordingly, no new search would be required and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

In addition, claim 15 has been amended to reflect the change on line 1 from "connector of claim 13" to "connector of claim 14". The nature of this amendment was discussed between the examiner via telephone conference and the undersigned attorney of record on July 22, 2004.

The expeditious entry of this amendment is respectfully requested in as much as the issue fee on this matter is due and payable by February 2, 2005 and is being sent herewith.

Should the examiner have any questions, a call to the undersigned attorney of record is requested and would be very much appreciated.

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